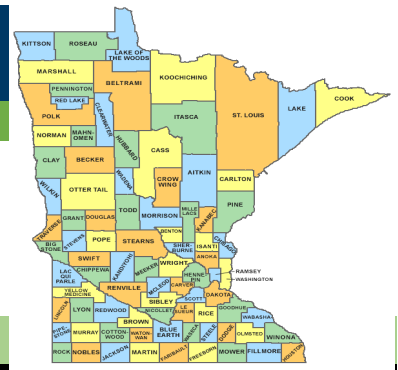


## COUNTY PROFILE

# Houston Co.

Houston Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 10, which is located in the Southeast Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

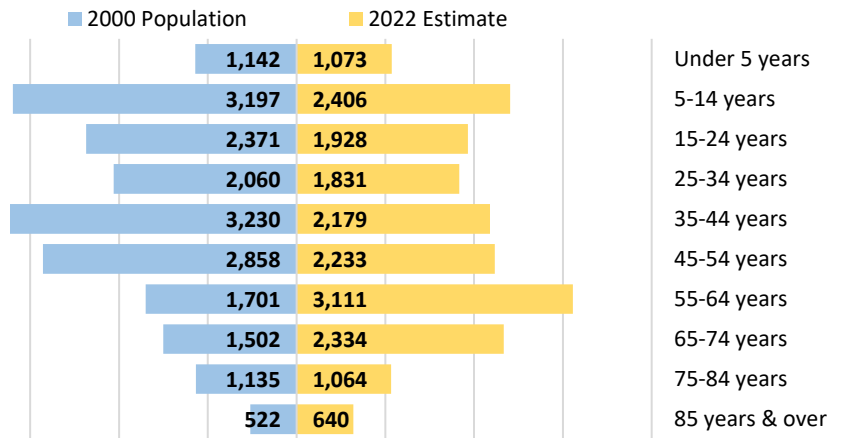
2022 population:	<b>18,800 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>44.8 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2022	-227 people -1.2% decline	state:	38.3 years

Houston Co. is the 51st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 56th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Houston Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	1,073	5.7%
5-14 years	2,406	12.8%
15-24 years	1,928	10.3%
25-34 years	1,831	9.7%
35-44 years	2,179	11.6%
45-54 years	2,233	11.9%
55-64 years	3,111	16.5%
65-74 years	2,334	12.4%
75-84 years	1,064	5.7%
85 years & over	640	3.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census Population Estimates, 2017-2021 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022



Houston Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Houston Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Houston Co.	-49	-61	420	481	9	25	-16
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

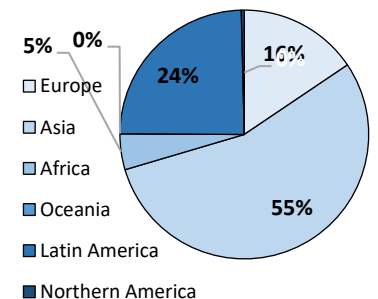
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Houston Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Houston Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

	Houston Co.		Change 2010-2021		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
Europe	40	15.6%	-78	-66.1%	9.4%	0.3%
Asia	141	54.9%	79	127.4%	37.0%	30.2%
Africa	12	4.7%	12	#DIV/0!	27.8%	89.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	17.8%
Americas:	64	24.9%	11	20.8%	25.4%	6.8%
Latin America	63	24.5%	32	103.2%	23.0%	8.5%
Northern America	1	0.4%	-21	-95.5%	2.5%	-6.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021



COUNTY PROFILE

Houston Co.

Houston Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021

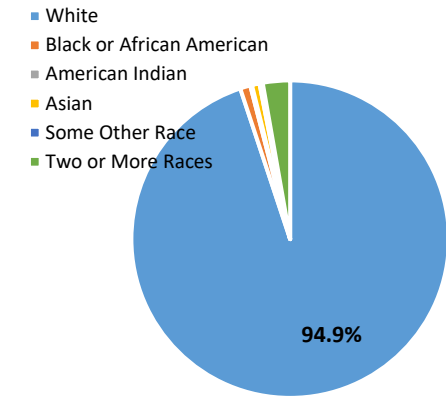


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Houston Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
Total	18,806	100.0%	-1.6%	100.0%	7.4%
White	17,849	94.9%	-4.5%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	196	1.0%	188.2%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	33	0.2%	-23.3%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	145	0.8%	163.6%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	63	0.3%	350.0%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	520	2.8%	120.3%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	255	1.4%	105.6%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

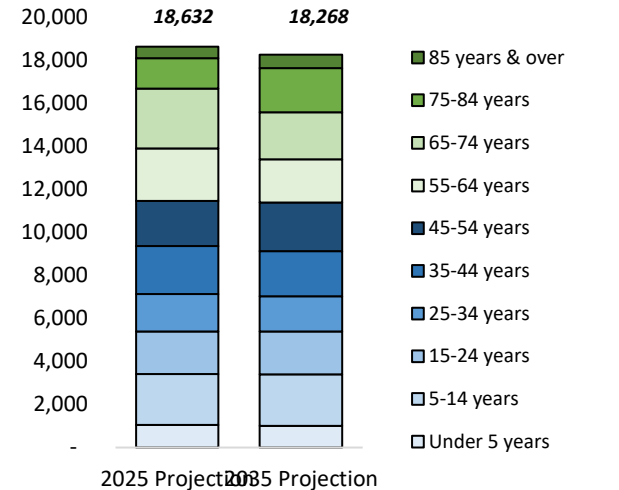
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Houston Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035				
Houston Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,045	1,006	-39	-3.7%
5-14 years	2,372	2,394	22	0.9%
15-24 years	1,973	1,996	23	1.2%
25-34 years	1,750	1,629	-121	-6.9%
35-44 years	2,224	2,102	-122	-5.5%
45-54 years	2,104	2,263	159	7.6%
55-64 years	2,433	2,013	-420	-17.3%
65-74 years	2,784	2,186	-598	-21.5%
75-84 years	1,420	2,053	633	44.6%
85 years & over	527	626	99	18.8%
Total Population	18,632	18,268	-364	-2.0%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Houston Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Houston Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

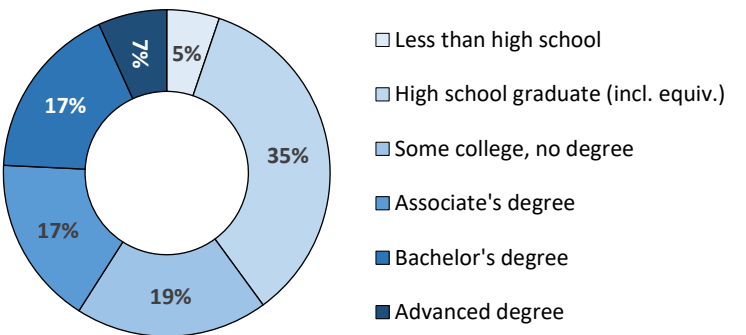
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

94.8%

College-educated: 60.0%  
state: 68.0%

Associate's Degree: 16.7%  
Bachelor's Degree: 17.4%  
Advanced Degree: 6.8%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021



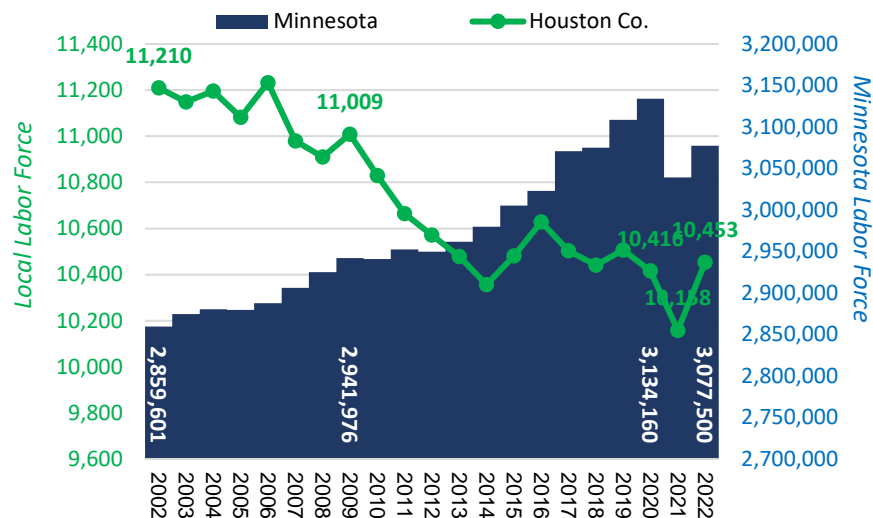
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

# LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.3%, Houston Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Houston Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 4.5% in 2020, and declined compared to the 3.4% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Houston Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>10,453</b>	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2007-2022</i>	-527 workers -4.8% decline
<b>2.3%</b>	unemployment rate
2.7%	state
<b>240</b>	unemployed workers

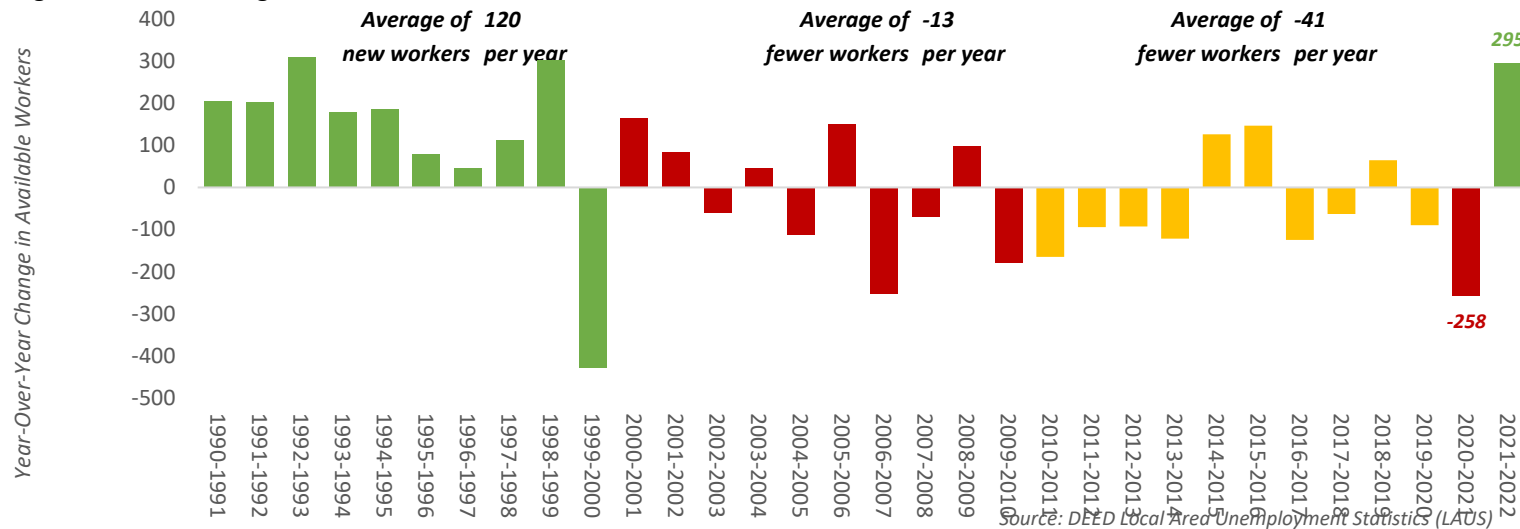
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 119.5 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Houston Co. averaged an annual loss of -13 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -41.4 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Houston Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022



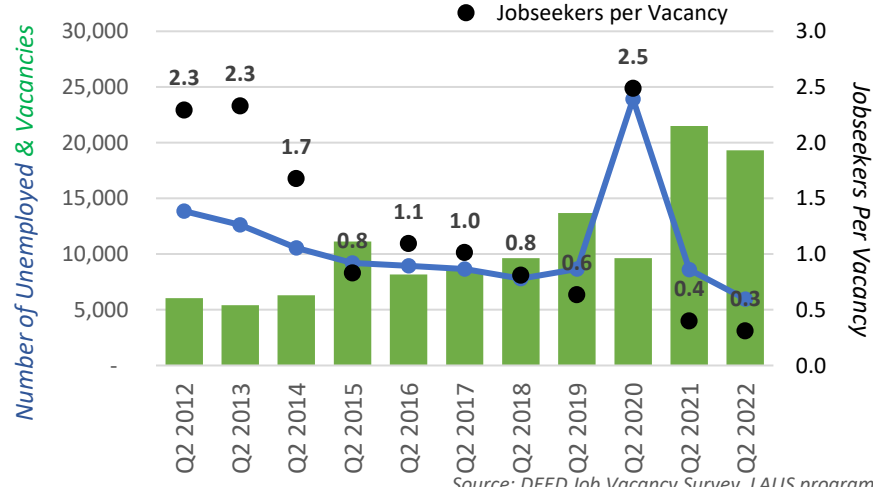
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,237	1,239
25 to 54 years	5,636	5,552
55 to 64 years	1,910	1,580
65 years & over	910	769
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>9,693</b>	<b>9,140</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Southeast reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2012-2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

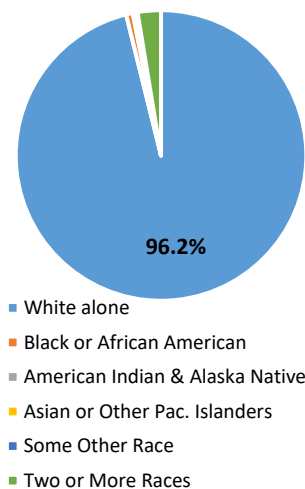
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Houston Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Houston Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2021

	Houston Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>10,206</b>	<b>67.6%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>5,328</b>	<b>4,879</b>
16 to 19 years	472	55.2%	3.8%	52.3%	10.7%	227	245
20 to 24 years	735	87.0%	1.8%	83.3%	6.7%	404	331
25 to 44 years	3,770	94.0%	1.2%	88.8%	3.6%	1,996	1,774
45 to 54 years	2,020	90.4%	1.4%	87.6%	3.0%	998	1,021
55 to 64 years	2,443	78.5%	0.8%	73.1%	3.2%	1,239	1,205
65 to 74 years	686	29.4%	5.2%	28.0%	3.2%	402	285
75 years & over	80	4.7%	0.0%	6.6%	2.9%	62	18
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	9,813	67.5%	1.5%	68.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	75	61.0%	10.7%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	19	61.3%	0.0%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	9	25.7%	0.0%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	27	84.4%	0.0%	75.8%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	264	78.1%	0.0%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	95	54.6%	0.0%	77.0%	6.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	395	51.7%	5.6%	53.6%	9.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	8,235	88.0%	1.1%	84.4%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	271	84.2%	1.6%	66.6%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,318	81.6%	0.5%	77.3%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	3,440	91.4%	1.0%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,205	90.7%	0.7%	90.3%	2.1%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2021

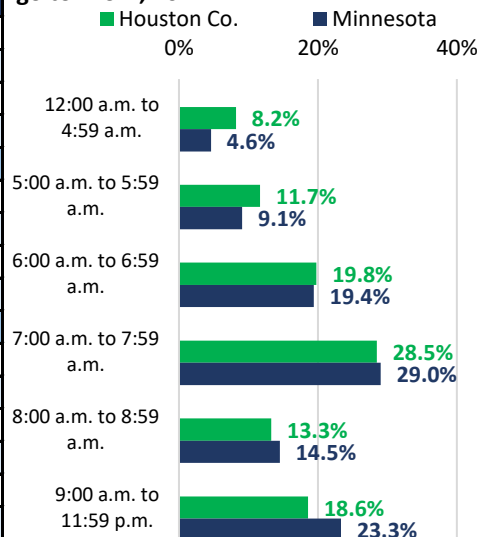


Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A smaller percentage of workers in Houston Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Houston Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Houston Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	5,390	54.2%	2,858,636	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	4,366	43.9%	1,922,337	65.7%
Worked out of county of residence	1,024	10.3%	933,372	31.9%
Worked outside state of residence	4,555	45.8%	67,296	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	8,732	87.8%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	30	0.3%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	378	3.8%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	815	8.2%	333,556	11.4%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	2,049	20.6%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	3,133	31.5%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	1,601	16.1%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,088	21.0%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	527	5.3%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	557	5.6%	158,000	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>23.0 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2021



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Houston Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Houston Co. had the 48th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$62,397	Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2021						
state	\$77,706							
Median Family Income	\$84,366	Houston Co.						
state	\$98,356							
Per Capita Income	\$35,416	Minnesota						
state	\$41,204							
Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey		Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates						

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Houston Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.39 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$16.19 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022									
Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Houston Co.	\$29,930	\$14.39	\$0	\$354	\$152	\$681	\$696	\$284	\$327
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Houston Co.	\$50,498	\$16.19	\$264	\$811	\$538	\$901	\$813	\$468	\$413
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

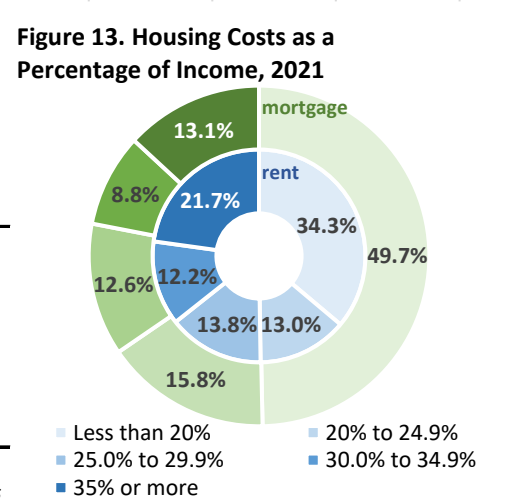
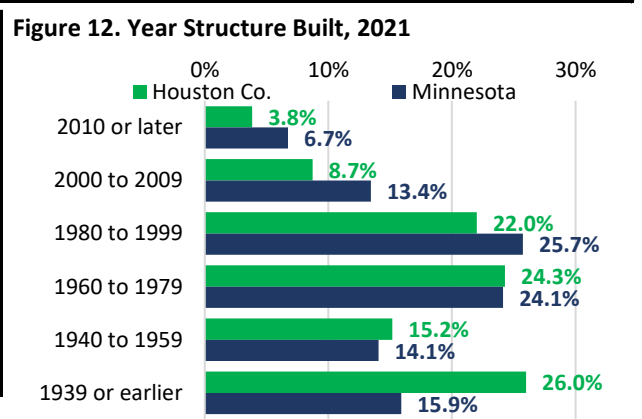
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Houston Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 36th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Houston Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2021	Houston Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	6,599	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	336	5.1%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	739	11.2%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,167	17.7%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,448	21.9%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,640	24.9%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	841	12.7%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	428	6.5%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$185,900		\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,410
state	\$1,682
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	22.0%
state	21.7%
Median monthly rent costs	\$789
state	\$1,081
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	33.9%
state	45.4%
Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates	





OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.44 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 10 than the state. Overall, Region 10 had the 2nd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$48.3) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.24) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023

Occupational Group	Region 10				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$23.44	236,590	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$48.30	12,310	5.2%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.82	9,260	3.9%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.65	4,280	1.8%	0.5	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.83	3,390	1.4%	0.8	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$37.08	2,520	1.1%	1.0	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$28.75	4,480	1.9%	1.0	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$40.10	740	0.3%	0.5	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.64	14,590	6.2%	1.1	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$24.58	2,110	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.68	30,920	13.1%	2.0	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$18.00	14,050	5.9%	1.0	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$28.06	3,460	1.5%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.24	19,140	8.1%	1.1	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.95	6,300	2.7%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.98	4,470	1.9%	0.9	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.54	18,100	7.7%	0.9	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.20	27,900	11.8%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.65	420	0.2%	1.2	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.56	8,510	3.6%	0.9	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$25.43	8,300	3.5%	1.0	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$20.84	22,610	9.6%	1.3	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.69	18,740	7.9%	1.0	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

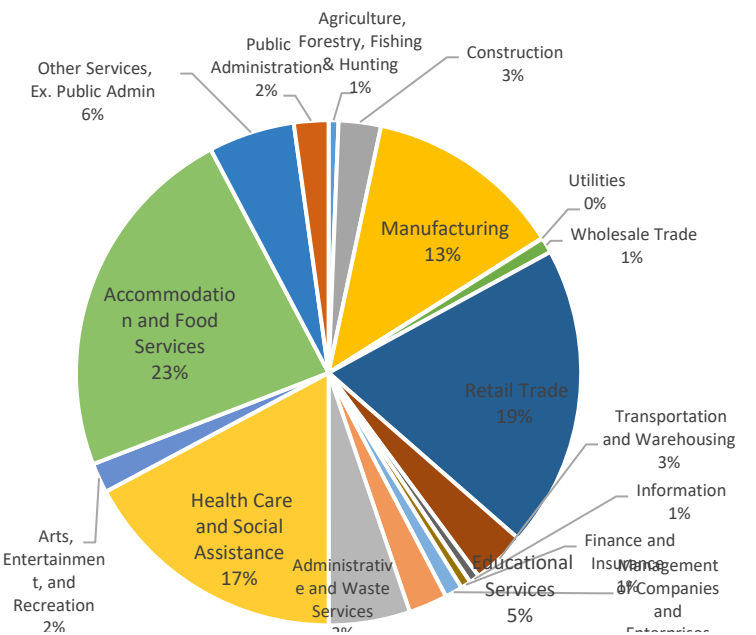
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Houston Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region. There were 19304 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
Total, All Occupations	19,304	\$16.08
Management	333	\$30.93
Business & Financial Operations	254	\$24.78
Computer & Mathematical	188	\$33.61
Architecture & Engineering	186	\$29.46
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	152	\$24.51
Community & Social Service	171	\$23.79
Education, Training & Library	490	\$20.68
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,328	\$31.77
Healthcare Support	1,139	\$15.40
Protective Service	100	\$19.68
Food Preparation & Serving Related	4,822	\$13.72
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	945	\$15.09
Personal Care & Service	805	\$15.13
Sales & Related	2,248	\$14.59
Office & Administrative Support	828	\$16.86
Construction & Extraction	924	\$19.83
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	739	\$14.23
Production	1,593	\$15.96
Transportation & Material Moving	1,752	\$16.97

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southeast Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$25,149/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$50,465/yr	Registered Nurses \$73,454/yr	Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric NA
Retail Salespersons \$29,983/yr	Nursing Assistants \$36,726/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$68,607/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$34,556/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$30,258/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$42,120/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$59,453/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$68,278/yr
Cashiers \$27,335/yr	Medical Assistants \$43,492/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$77,029/yr	General and Operations Managers \$87,770/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$35,841/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$40,728/yr	Dental Hygienists \$78,787/yr	Financial Managers \$103,648/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$38,398/yr	Machinists \$46,173/yr	Surgical Technologists \$61,421/yr	Nurse Practitioners \$120,693/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$32,156/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$27,425/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$69,161/yr	Industrial Engineers \$83,033/yr
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$51,382/yr	Electricians \$67,763/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$47,020/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$58,527/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$43,475/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$53,529/yr	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians \$66,613/yr	Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and \$103,725/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$35,451/yr	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and \$49,999/yr	Respiratory Therapists \$72,344/yr	Project Management Specialists and Business Operations \$63,201/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

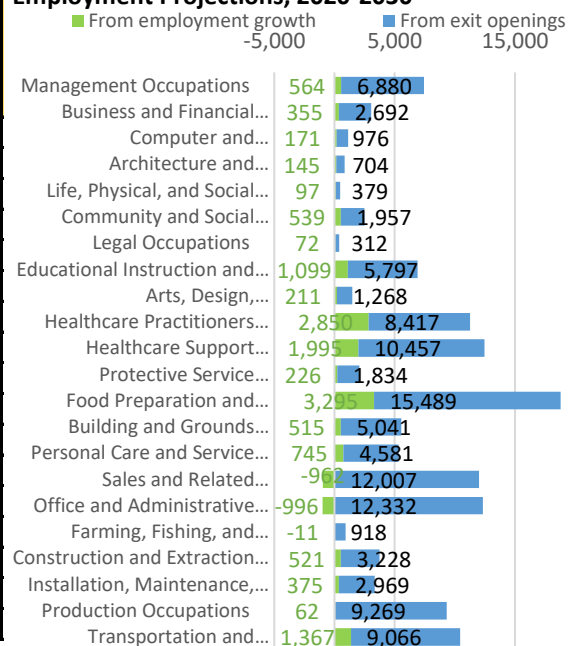
Houston Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region, which is projected to see a 5.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Southeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>261,589</b>	<b>274,824</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	3,447	3,477	0.9%
Utilities	1,160	1,150	-0.9%
Construction	9,396	9,891	5.3%
Manufacturing	36,536	36,636	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	7,047	7,342	4.2%
Retail Trade	25,379	24,160	-4.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,801	8,311	6.5%
Information	2,943	2,941	-0.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,025	6,133	1.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	7,642	7,966	4.2%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	8,158	8,815	8.1%
Educational Services	19,447	20,396	4.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	64,850	70,687	9.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	19,129	23,366	22.1%
Other Services	8,287	9,159	10.5%
Public Administration	13,990	14,748	5.4%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Houston Co. had the 59th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Houston Co. was the 80th fastest growing in the past year and the 60th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Houston Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

451 business establishments

\$42,816 annual average wage

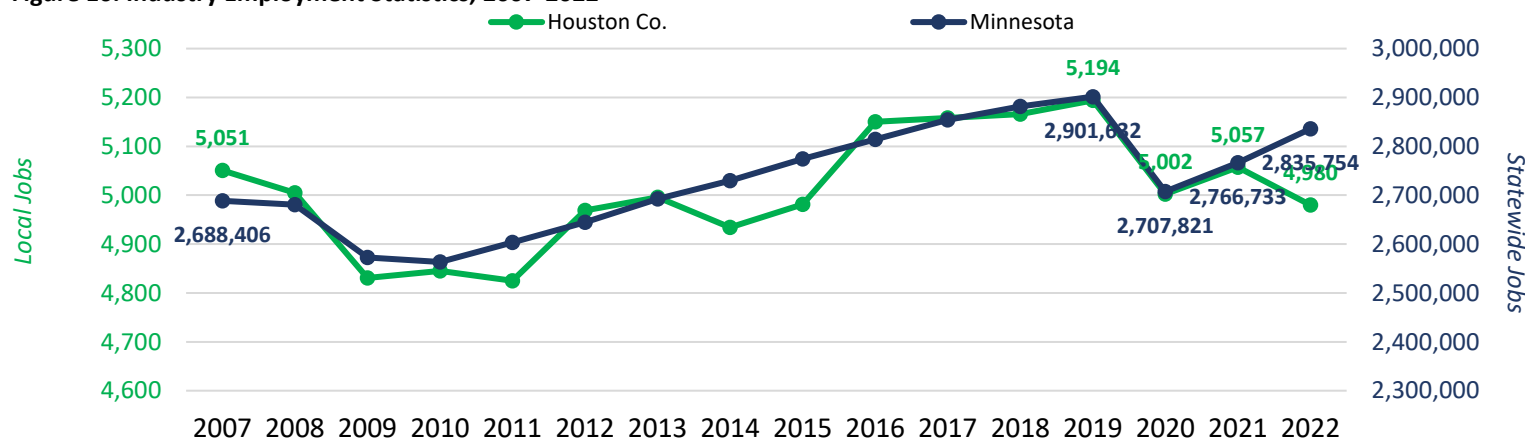
4,980 jobs

\$213,225,627 total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2022

-214 jobs  
-4.1% decline

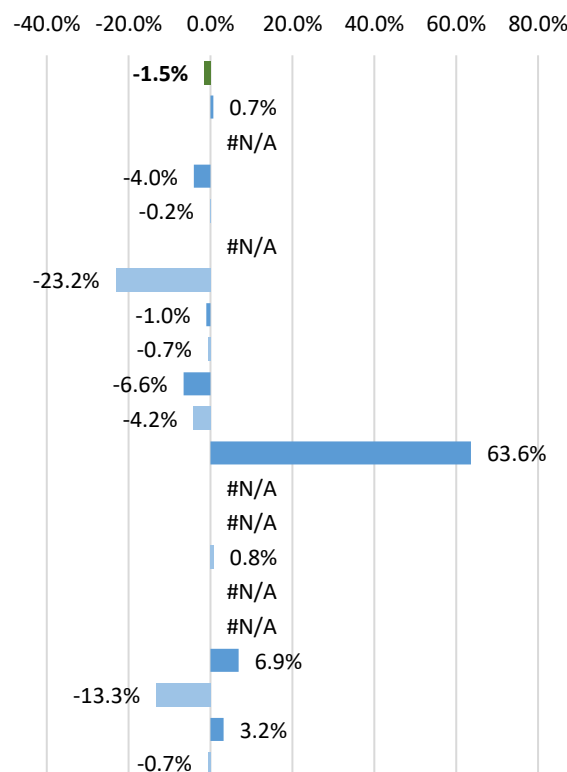
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Houston Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>4,980</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$42,816</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	145	2.9%	\$30,795
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	356	7.1%	\$61,830
Manufacturing	493	9.9%	\$45,911
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	63	1.3%	\$51,064
Retail Trade	489	9.8%	\$26,066
Transportation & Warehousing	430	8.6%	\$63,636
Information	156	3.1%	\$64,679
Finance & Insurance	115	2.3%	\$63,804
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	36	0.7%	\$21,825
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	124	2.5%	\$50,079
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	62	1.2%	\$13,477
Accommodation & Food Services	281	5.6%	\$13,352
Other Services	192	3.9%	\$24,591
Public Administration	437	8.8%	\$37,495

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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